

**From:** goran@ekeberg.virtualave.net@inetgw  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 12/8/01 4:09pm  
**Subject:** Settlement...

Dear Sir's!

I've read a lot of encouraging news about DOJ investigations, considerations and upcoming legislation against Microsoft. Now i'm sad to say that the effort seems to result in a very watered-down result, mostly due to lack of congruence on your side.

The simple truth is that in this world of technological research and landwinning discoveries, we just can't let a single company dominate, infiltrate and parasite on the economical strength of the western world and further enhance the vast differences between the poor and educationally challenged countries and the rest. (Let alone the impact of rapid-changing interface paradigms on individuals)

If we proceed along this path, we are sooner or later faced with an effort of retraining millions of coworkers on the every-other-year product/training/certification release whim of one company. An effort from which no-one but said company will benefit and that it certainly will result in a hampering of free market competition due to sheer need of competence control and turnover. Furthermore, this effort will provide no actual enhanced technical skills, since the base of MS operations is to repackage open and available technology in an acceleratingly more complex form thus seldom providing any real operational value.

Regards:  
Göran Ekeberg